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1. On 9 October 1952, the Kleine Kaserne, south of the Aue (N 51/K 53) - Schneeberg road was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. A column of 12 trucks, each occupied by 30 soldiers with rifles and submachine guns left the installation, proceeding toward Schwarzenberg. Small details of 4 to 10 troops continually left and entered the installation. They, apparently, were relieving the guard. Detachments of up to 40 soldiers marched out for drill with rifles.¹

2. On 9 October, the Hochhaus on the Aue-Schneeberg road was occupied by at least 50 officers and 300 EM wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Motor vehicles leaving and entering the Kleine Kaserne and the Hochhaus,

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3. the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) railroad line, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, engineer, artillery or medical insignia. About 600 soldiers in small details, some with arms and light equipment and some without, were seen leaving the installation on foot or on trucks and busses. About 50 officers and 50 uniformed women daily left and entered the installation. In addition, numerous vehicles

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4. On 9 October, the former Kutscher factory, north of the Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) railroad station was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and a few red-bordered black epaulets. About 70 troops returned to the installation, coming from firing practice. About 800 troops, some unarmed and some with rifles, on trucks or busses, left and entered the installation. Small guard relief details of 4 to 12 men armed with rifles, were continually leaving and entering the installation. About 80 officers, including 4 colonels, 2 lieutenant colonels, 6 majors, some with silver epaulets and a few with green

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cap ribbons, walked toward the installation. [redacted]

5. On 6 October, the barracks installation near Shaft 60, southwest of Eibenstocker Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51), was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Two companies each of about 150 troops with rifles, submachine guns and light and heavy machine guns marched out of the installation. A total of 100 troops were seen in the barracks area. Individual groups of 16 to 40 soldiers left and entered the installation to relieve the guard.
6. On 6 October, the barracks installation west of the townhall, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Ten horse-drawn vehicles each occupied by 1 officer, including field grade officers, and 5 to 6 men with rifles entered the installation. Troops were drilling in the barracks yard. About 200 troops not engaged in any duty were seen in the barracks area.
7. On 6 October, the Box furniture factory at the intersection of Linden Strasse and Karl Marx Strasse was occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Twenty soldiers were maintaining motor vehicles. Two colonels, 2 majors and 6 other officers were seen in the town. Individual small details engaged in drill and physical training. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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8. On 6 October, the former Bendler factory on the extension of Linden Strasse, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops, wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer or medical insignia. About 300 troops engaged in physical training at the athletic field. Intensive traffic by trucks, [redacted] and busses, occupied by unarmed troops was observed. Details of up to 40 soldiers, some with rifles and light equipment, left the installation in various directions for drill. Truck [redacted] entered the installation. [redacted] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

9. On 11 October, Restricted Area I in Auerbach (N 51/K 32) was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including a few with black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer, medical or signal insignia. Individual groups of EM mostly without arms, on trucks and busses left and entered the installation. During the preceding days, details of 12 men drilled and were trained in rifle firing at the drill ground. [redacted]

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10. On 11 October, Restricted Area II in Auerbach was occupied to capacity by 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Individual units of company strength were marched to the drill ground in Restricted Area I for drill with rifles. Fifty to 80 troops were daily seen maintaining trucks. Individual detachments of up to 35 to 40 soldiers with and without arms left and entered the installation on foot or on trucks. [redacted] a column of 14 trucks, [redacted] each occupied by 30 troops with rifles or submachine guns, entered the restricted area, coming from the direction of Rodewisch. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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11. From 14 to 16 October, the barracks installation south of Frohnau, immediately west of Annaberg (N 51/K 73) was occupied by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, 90 officers, a penal unit of about 100 men, and by 200 dogs. Five trucks, [] were seen in the installation.⁴ 50X1-HUM
12. From 14 to 16 October, the former Mehnert factory on Park Strasse, Annaberg, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Two trucks, [] were seen in the installation.⁴ 50X1-HUM
13. From 14 to 16 October, the barracks installation on either side of Lenin Strasse in Annaberg was occupied by about 620 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, 80 officers, 5 trucks and 100 dogs. Truck [] entered the installation.⁴ 50X1-HUM
14. On 10 October, the former Farina factory in Beierfeld (N 51/K 53) was occupied by about 525 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 150 recruits, and by 18 trucks [] About 250 troops were daily seen drilling with rifles at squad level. The training was supervised by Major Zimonef (fnu).⁴ 50X1-HUM
15. On 11 October, the installation south of Raschau (N 51/K 62) was occupied to capacity by about 900 to 1,100 troops, 30 percent of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia; 40 percent wore black-bordered black epaulets, some with engineer insignia; and 30 percent, black-bordered crimson epaulets. Part of the troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were detached to mining administration No 206 of the Zismut Corporation and engaged in the management of the prospecting equipment, clerical work and guard duty. One officer and 80 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling in the barracks yard.⁶
16. On 14 October, the barracks installation in Breitenbrunn (N 51/K 52), which included 12 quartering buildings, was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops, including 1,000 wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 600 wearing black-bordered black epaulets and, some of them, engineer insignia; and 400 wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [] most of the troops were recruits. On 12 October, 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia were constructing field fortifications in the training grounds north of Breitenbrunn. Trucks [] were seen leaving and entering the installation.⁷ 50X1-HUM
17. On 10 October, the military quarters near Crandorf (N 51/K 52) were occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, mostly recruits with cropped hair. Truck [] entered the installation, picked up 10 troops with baggage and left toward Schwarzenberg.⁴ 50X1-HUM
18. On 14 October, the barracks installation at Antonshoehe was occupied by about 80 to 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, mostly young recruits with cropped hair. Four soldiers were seen training shepherd dogs. The barracks installation was located north of the Bittersgruen (N 51/K 52) - Antonsthal railroad station road and consisted of two new buildings and a firing range north of the installation in a quarry near Magnetenberg.⁴

1. [] Comment. The strength figure given appears too high. []

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6. [redacted] Comment. This installation is located south of Raschau on the road to Rittersgruen. [redacted]

7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the barracks installation in Breitenbrunn occupied by 1,000 troops. [redacted]

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